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Item No. 04
Ct. No. 14
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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

**WPA 4027 of 2026
Subhas Chandra Mandal
vs.
State of West Bengal & ors.**

Mr. Santanu Maji
Mr. Subhayu Das
Ms. Debrani Mondal
... for the petitioner

Mr. Brijendra Pratap Singh
Mr. Nripendra Pratap Singh
... for the State

Mr. Ratul Biswas
Mr. Kaushik Chowdhury
... for the WBBPE

Mr. Ranjan Saha
... for the DPSC, Paschim Medinipur
... for the DPSC, Jhargram

1. Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. By the present writ petition, the petitioner seeks direction upon the respondent authorities to grant inter district transfer from the district of Jhargram to the district of Paschim Medinipur on distance ground upon consideration of the representation of the petitioner dated 31st January, 2026.
3. The petitioner contends that he is an Assistant Teacher of Bardanga Primary School, situated at Village Pachapani, Post Office Banspahari, Police Station Belpahari, District Jhargram. The petitioner joined the said school on 6th February, 2017. The

petitioner has been confirmed in the service with effect from 6th February, 2019. The petitioner's house is 129 kms. away from the said school. On 31st January, 2026, the petitioner made a representation before respondent no. 4, the Secretary, West Bengal Board of Primary Education seeking his transfer. However, the same is still pending consideration. Hence this writ petition.

4. Mr. Santanu Maji, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the matter be relegated to the appropriate authority for consideration of the representation of the petitioner seeking transfer on distance ground.
5. Mr. Kaushik Chowdhury, learned advocate appearing for the respondent Board submits that the State has already issued Memo being No. 277-SED-13037/159/2024-ELEMN SEC dated 30th June, 2026 notifying that the *Utsashree* portal has become operative and as such the petitioner ought to file the application through the said portal.
6. To this, Mr. Maji, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the portal cannot be accessed and the application has been regretted on the ground of maintenance being undertaken.
7. Mr. Brijendra Pratap Singh, learned advocate representing the State concedes to the fact that due to maintenance of the *Utsashree* portal, the portal is not functional right now.

8. Learned advocate for the respective Councils leave the matter to the discretion of this Court.
9. In view of the above conspectus, respondent no. 4, the Secretary, West Bengal Board of Primary Education is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 31st January, 2026 and dispose of the same by passing a reasoned order in accordance with law, upon giving notice to the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.
10. The reasoned order shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week from the date of passing of such order.
11. The petitioner is directed to communicate this order to respondent no. 4, the Secretary, West Bengal Board of Primary Education for necessary compliance.
12. With the above directions, the writ petition being no. **WPA 4027 of 2026** stands disposed of.
13. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to be not admitted.
14. Consequently, connected applications, if any, also stand disposed of.
15. Interim orders, if any, stand vacated.
16. There will be no order as to costs.
17. Urgent certified photostat copy of this order, if applied for, shall be given to the parties as

expeditiously as possible on compliance of all necessary formalities.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)